

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A protective sports glove, comprising:
2 a cuff portion for engaging at least a portion
3 of a wearer's forearm;
4 a hand portion having a palm portion and an
5 opposing backside portion with a plurality of protective
6 padded portion, said hand portion coupled to said cuff
7 portion and having an inner side and an outer side;
8 a plurality of finger portions secured to and
9 extending from said hand portion for receipt of a
10 wearer's fingers therein; and
11 a flange portion extending generally away from
12 one of said inner side or said outer side of the sports
13 glove.
- 1 2. The gloves of claim 1, wherein the
2 protective sports glove is a lacrosse goalie glove.
- 1 3. The glove of claim 2, wherein said hand
2 portion is elastically coupled to said cuff portion.
- 3 4. The glove of claim 2, further comprising:
4 a thumb portion secured to and extending from
5 said hand portion.
- 1 5. The glove of claim 4, wherein said thumb
2 portion includes a rigid protective portion to protect
3 the wearer's thumb.
- 1 6. The glove of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a plurality of vent openings formed in said
3 backside portion of said hand portion.

1 7. The glove of claim 2, wherein said palm
2 portion is primarily comprised of a durable material with
3 a plurality of mesh portions interspersed therein in
4 areas that are not intended to contact a stick.

1 8. The glove of claim 2, further comprising:
2 a wrist guard coupled to said hand portion.

1 9. The glove of claim 8, wherein said wrist
2 guard is at least partially coupled to said hand portion
3 by an elastic connector.

1 10. The glove of claim 8, wherein said wrist
2 guard extends beyond said outer portion of the glove and
3 is intended to block an incoming lacrosse ball.

1 11. The glove of claim 1, wherein said flange
2 portion is connected to and extends from said outer side
3 of the sports glove.

1 12. The glove of claim 11, wherein a wrist
2 guard is coupled to said hand portion and extends beyond
3 said outer side of the sports glove.

1 13. A lacrosse goalie glove comprising:
2 a palm side for contacting a lacrosse stick;
3 a backside having a plurality of protective
4 pads disposed thereon; and
5 an enlarged area extending away from said
6 backside for contacting and blocking a lacrosse ball.

1 14. The glove of claim 13, further comprising:
2 a cuff portion for contacting at least a
3 portion of a wearer's wrist;
4 a hand portion coupled to said cuff portion and
5 having an inner side and an outer side that each extend
6 between said palm side and said backside; and
7 a plurality of finger portions secured to and
8 extending from said hand portion.

1 15. The glove of claim 14, wherein said
2 enlarged area extends outwardly beyond said outer side of
3 the glove.

1 16. The glove of claim 14 further comprising:
2 a wrist guard coupled to said backside of the
3 glove.

1 17. The glove of claim 14, wherein said
2 enlarged area includes a flange portion extending from
3 said outer side of the glove.

1 18. The glove of claim 16, wherein said wrist
2 guard has a first end adjacent said inner side and a
3 second end adjacent said outer side and wherein said
4 second end extends beyond said outer side in a generally
5 planar manner to act as a shield to block a lacrosse
6 ball.

1 19. The glove of claim 18, wherein said second
2 end of said wrist guard is larger than said first end.